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## McCAFFREY THE BOLD.

The Adventures of a Bashful, Snide Reporter.

HE USED TO LIVE IN FRESNO.

Across the Pacific With Miss Bisland, He Is Stranded in Hongkong, But Still Hopeful.

A good many people remember Philip McCaffrey, an alleged newspaper reporter, who played a brilliant campaign in this city several months ago. He worked a few weeks on *The Republican* as a reporter, was discharged for drunkenness, incompetency and general rascaldom, and, as the custom goes in such cases, became a shining light on the staff of the *Evening Expositor*. In the course of time he succeeded in beating nearly everybody in Fresno out of something, a la "young Mr. Barton," and was compelled to seek new pastures in San Francisco, where he has since been living by means known only to people of his versatile accomplishments. He got employment on the call at 8:30 a.m., never went on an errand with Mike McGaffey to take deep-sea soundings. He became noted as the checkered man on the coast.

MEET HIS OWN IN.

While acting as a Call reporter he once attended a meeting of the Bay District Yacht Club, and after this brief witness got through, McCaffrey turned to M. T. Tarpey, the Chairman, and gravely re-

"Mr. Tarpey you would oblige me if you would have the witness repeat his testimony again. The report here did not catch the drift of his remarks."

The other reporters were paralyzed for a moment. Finally, after a distressing pause, in which heartbeats could be heard, J. P. Coggrave, of the *Examiner*, said: "I understand what the witness said, and nobody has authorized Mr. McCaffrey to speak for us."

C. A. Low, of the *Alta*, remarked something to the same effect, and the Chronicle man also put in his ear likewise.

A GENTLE REQUEST.

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"With you allow this Board to examine this witness?" demanded Mr. Tarpey, whose Pan-Slavonic American blood was to boil at this stage of the proceedings.

"But, Mr. Tarpey, as a journalist, I think I have a right to bring these facts clearly before the public. We of the press..."

"Hold on!" exclaimed the other reporters. "We haven't requested you to talk for us."

"Mr. McCaffrey," continued Mr. Tarpey, "I have exercised all the forbearance and you that I intend. If you open your mouth again, I'll throw you down stairs. You understand?"

McCaffrey, for the first time in his life, blushed in public. An extra man, who was doing the detail for one of the city papers, looked at the angry McCaffrey with a grin, and whispered:

SURE.

"Soup?"

"Do you mean to say that I'm a soup?" demanded the snide scribe.

"I wouldn't swear to it," was the reply.

"Then you'd better not, or I'd thumb you in the jaw," was the defiant warning of the man of unparalleled gall.

McCaffrey's latest exploit happened at the time that Miss Bisland left San Francisco on the China steamer on her race around the world against Nelly Sly. He appeared on the Mail dock about an hour before the steamer sailed and announced to the water front reporters that he was going around the world with Miss Bisland as the correspondent of the *Examiner*. He exhibited a letter written on the letter-head of the *Advertiser*, signed "W. R. Hearst," authorizing him to act in that capacity, and stating that the strength of the *Advertiser* would be responsible for all his expenses.

He departed.

He had just recovered from a six weeks' jaunt, and his clothes were very seedy, and when some of the reporters scolded at him he calmly beckoned to a young Pacific-street Hebrew, who had a bundle under his arm, and the two retired to the wharfinger's office, from which McCaffrey emerged fifteen minutes later in a brand-new traveling suit. He had obtained his ticket on the forged Examiner letter, and he walked grandly on board, waving his hand in lofty farewell to the curious scores on the wharf.

On the voyage he borrowed \$20 from Miss Bisland, but when he arrived at Hongkong a telegram blocked his further progress. The dispatch was from Mr. Hearst announcing that McCaffrey's credentials were forged. He managed to exist in some way or other until Nellie arrived there coming East, and she gave him a dollar to get something to eat.

McCaffrey is one of those men whom misfortune cannot down. He will turn up again in California with new credentials, as a learned agent for a tea show, and will bring the dull residents of the common people with the light refrigerant of his genius.

THE MACKS' LEVEE.

A Batch of Them Arrested Before Dawn Yester-

erday.

Several days ago City Marshal Barker instructed Officers Anderson, Zener and Walton to raid the mucks and known *liveries* that have so long infested

## THE TRAIN ROBBERS

Further Particulars From the Scene of the Affair.

### TWO COOL, DESPERATE MEN.

They Carried Away a Potato Sack Full of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Treasure.

The following account of the recent train robbery near Goshen is taken from the *Tulare Register*:

Another train robbery occurred this morning and again the engineer and fireman of a passenger train have been forced at the muzzle of a shotgun to call upon the express messenger to open the door. Bloodshed also has resulted, and, in fact, the tragedy at Pixley eleven months ago seems to have been reproduced with only a change of location.

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### FRIGHTENED FLYERS.

A Pair of Roadsters Make Good Time on Mariposa Street.

H. S. Allen, the real estate agent, had a narrow escape for his life yesterday afternoon. He was seated in his buggy behind a spirited span of blacks which he prides in driving for their beauty and speed. On entering Mariposa street from 1st, he started to cross the car track opposite the First National Bank, when one of the horses began jumping and kicking, and waded into the straddling the tongue with its hind legs. Both animals, then started at a break-neck speed down Mariposa street towards the Courthouse. Pedestrians on the street crossings ran for their lives, and were soon quickly out of the way to avoid the danger of collision. When J. Street was reached Mr. Allen, finding that it was impossible to check the team, sprang from his buggy to the ground. He struck in the soft mud and slid and rolled for fifteen or twenty feet, miraculously escaping without injury.

The frightened animals sped on with increased rapidity until near the intersection of K street, when they collided with the team of two masked men driving two delivery wagons standing in front of the Temple Bazaar grocery store.

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The horticultural products of the world may be raised on the irrigated farms of Fresno.

Fresno will not have a club in the baseball league this season. She will have a new line of railroad instead.

The dry season of which we heard so much a few months ago has not arrived yet. We hope that it will fail to get along before the middle of May.

The new sewer system of this city will soon be ready for testing. Let it be thoroughly tested before the final payment is made on the contract.

"La Gaudia" is getting in its work in this city quite extensively. Quite a number of cases have developed so far, but no deaths can yet be charged directly to this complaint.

Extremely too much money is sent away from home with which to buy beer for Fresno. Our city must either have a brewery or our citizens must quit drinking so much beer.

The Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors of Fresno county believe with their great free trade leader, S. Grover Cleveland, that "a public office is a public trust."

All of the railroad companies are making arrangements to handle a large westward passenger traffic during February. California will receive a heavy tide of immigration during the spring.

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The Lake Superior region, for example, has been so greatly developed that the larger proportion of the supply now comes from that source.

The output of Superior ore for 1888 is stated to have been seven millions of tons, and the estimate for 1889 is nine millions of tons, of which three millions have already been sold at an advance of twenty to \$2.25 per ton above last year's rates. It is understood the entire product will be taken by Western iron men. This may make almost an ore famine in the East; it is not believed the Cuban ores can be supplied in sufficient quantity to meet the steel demand of this region. There is hope of steel ores in the Southern States. As for Spain, its whole product of seven and a half millions of tons is required for England, France, Belgium, and Germany. All these countries depend largely upon foreign importation for the best steel ores.

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**ENGLISH AGGRESSION.**

Perhaps the most serious question with which the American people are now confronted is the tendency of foreign capital to gain control of the leading industries of this country. At one time in the nation's history not more than twenty-three years ago, nineteen-twentieths of the interest bearing bonds covering our national indebtedness were held by foreign money lenders or their accredited agents in this country. The great balance of trade in favor of the United States during the past ten years, together with the payment of two-thirds of the interest bearing debt, and the refunding of other portions of it, have changed the order of things existing in 1866, and to-day we find nine-tenths of our interest bearing debt held in the United States.

The money formerly invested in national bonds is forced to seek other fields for profitable investment, and the action of English speculators moving toward the monopolization of American manufactures and the great productive industries of this country is something which can be only regarded with the utmost concern.

This scheme of wealthy foreigners to secure control of the principal business enterprises of the United States has progressed steadily since the first movement in that direction.

The great anti-tariff coal fields of Pennsylvania are owned and worked under the direction of the Rothschilds. Nearly all of the principal tanneries of New England, New York and the Middle States are owned by citizens of England. Only

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The people of Iowa have arrived at this conclusion. Nine years ago the Republican majority in that state was a trifle over \$3,000. The Republican party endorsed prohibition as a party measure, voted it upon the people of Iowa, and have earnestly endeavored to enforce it. But the leaders of the party see their error now. A majority of \$3,000 has faded year by year, until the climax was reached last fall by the election of a Democratic Governor by a majority of about 7000, while the Legislature is a trifle, with a good working majority against prohibition. The result is easily foretold. Licensed saloons will again be opened in every important city in Iowa, but we may also expect very stringent laws governing the sale and use of liquor. This will be right, and such laws will be respected by the people. The lesson learned by the Republican party of Iowa is now being carefully studied by the party in other states, and it is said to say that prohibition will not be again championed by either of the old political parties.

**COAST DEFENSE.**

It is to be hoped, says the San Francisco Examiner, that the bill appropriating money for the defense of this port, introduced into Congress by Senator Stanford and Representatives Clunie and Monroe, will receive more attention than similar measures have been given in the past. The bill appropriates some \$20,000,000 for a gun battery, guns and defensive works—\$1,000,000 for the former, \$30,000 for sites and repairs, \$200,000 for torpedoes, \$12,173,000 for high-power coast defense guns, \$2,050,000 for mortars, \$3,629,000 for gun and mortar carriages, and \$5,885,000 for forts, gun turrets, etc.

The unprotected condition of San Francisco has been set forth too often to need dwelling upon. There are but a few or an earthwork here that will stand a five minutes' fire, and not a garrison that could be used with effect against an ordinary man-of-war. In case of hostilities the city and harbor could be occupied by the enemy with equal difficulty. With the only harbor for large vessels for hundreds of miles along the coast, and the chief city of the Pacific in possession of the enemy, the disadvantage of the present economy in defenses would be severely felt.

Congress is doubtless more willing than heretofore to provide for the defense of the coast. The continued agitation of the subject for a decade has had its effect.

It took years to rouse Congress to the importance of building a navy, but both houses are now willing to make appropriations for ships as fast as the money can be used. The work of fortification has been more difficult, and it is doubtful if even now a complete scheme of defense will receive any consideration.

If a beginning of fortification is made, however, the work should be thorough. There will be no half way measure about the attempt to batter the forts and guns to pieces if we get into a war with a first-class power. At present the coast defense force is not equal to the task.

ON ASSISTANCE ASKED.

Sonoran Blair will no doubt introduce his educational bill in Congress again this winter, says the New York Star. It has been defeated in the past because it established a dangerous precedent, and encouraged a spirit of dependency on the Government by the states that was unwise and likely to produce very unfortunate results. It should not be allowed to become a law now, because if there ever was a time when the Southern states needed such assistance to educate their illiterate children and citizens, it has long since passed.

The advanced prices for iron and steel are having a bad effect upon the British ship-builders, and unless a lowering soon comes, many of them will suffer loss on existing contracts.

**EXTRADITION OFFICIALS.**

Perhaps it is not inappropriate at this time to call the attention of taxpayers to the beauties of Ross law. We presume that every intelligent person realizes that our taxes are largely in excess of what they ought to be, and that those just paid are much higher than they were a year ago. Bad as the case now is, it is likely to grow worse in this country unless the private citizen thwarts off the party which now makes him the slave of the Ross, and asserts his independence at the polls.

Last winter we sent a class of men to the Legislature who were, as a rule, incompetent to attend to their own business, yet they served the purposes of the Ross better perhaps than if they had been statesmen of the first order. San Francisco is the home of the Ross, sent the greater portion of the black sheep, but their number was largely increased from the interior. But in reflecting over this matter Fresno county taxpayers must not forget to place the credit where it belongs.

The Legislature is not justly chargeable with the entire increase in taxation in this country. To our Board of Supervisors a portion of it belongs, and it is only justice to the individual members that the Board be given all credit that is now due or may hereafter become due. Twelve hundred dollars a year is given to the county physician, not because he needs it, but for the good of the party, we suppose. If this money was applied to enforcing the law against the importation and sale of scale insects it would have the effect of reducing the Ross.

SHOULD Congress adopt the report of the Naval Board which was appointed to formulate plans for building a new navy, the United States will become a naval power of considerable magnitude at the end of half a dozen years. The Board recommends twenty-two different sizes and styles of vessels, and favors the building of from three to fifteen vessels of each class, the whole number to be about 130, and the estimated cost \$260,000. Ten of these vessels are to be first-class battle ships of 10,000 tons displacement each, armed with 100-ton rifled guns, capable of sending a steel bolt through thirty inches of steel plating. Twenty will be of 7000 and 8000 tons displacement, five of 6000 tons, and ten of 5000 tons, all heavily armored. There will also be twenty-four armored cruisers of from 4000 to 7500 tons each, to have a speed of from 12 to 22 knots an hour, and all provided with the latest and most effective weapons, including torpedoes and dynamite guns. The Secretary of the Navy is to be appointed Collector of Internal Revenue of the first district of California. The appointment of Deputy Collector, Gauger and Storekeeper at Fresno will now follow.

The choice of Republicans of this community for those positions are, as nearly as we can ascertain, H. E. Boothby for Deputy Collector, and Dr. Chas. Phipps for Storekeeper. They are all well known, honorable and competent gentlemen, true blue Republicans and will render efficient service if appointed.

THE American number of the Board of Supervisors of Fresno county evidently believes in the garrisons for the defense of the United States.

It is to be hoped that the Legislature will be convened each alternate winter for the purpose of repealing the useless and antiquated laws which now encumber our state books. The idea is not a bad one, and if the powers of the Legislature would request justice of it, the Supervisors would request justice of it.

Arkansas presents the same testimony as to her public schools, and in the other states, where the showing is not so satisfactory, it is simply owing to a lack of interest in the matter in the past, and not in any degree to their poverty. There is scarcely a Southern state in which the public school system does not show substantial progress.

It begins to look as though Congress

will be forced to take action on the question of requiring the Superintendent of Census to include in the forthcoming

**PROHIBITION IMPRACTICAL.** Prohibition as a political issue is as yet in the first place to unit a pro-union requiring this work to be done. It is not too late to remedy the matter, however, and as the Farmers' Alliance and other organized agricultural societies are clamoring for it, the work will probably be ordered done.

**ENGLISH AGGRESSION.**

Perhaps the most serious question with which the American people are now confronted is the tendency of foreign capital to gain control of the leading industries of this country. At one time in the nation's history not more than twenty-three years ago, nineteen-twentieths of the interest bearing bonds covering our national indebtedness were held by foreign money lenders or their accredited agents in this country. The great balance of trade in favor of the United States during the past ten years, together with the payment of two-thirds of the interest bearing debt, and the refunding of other portions of it, have changed the order of things existing in 1866, and to-day we find nine-tenths of our interest bearing debt held in the United States.

The money formerly invested in national bonds is forced to seek other fields for profitable investment, and the action of English speculators moving toward the monopolization of American manufactures and the great productive industries of this country is something which can be only regarded with the utmost concern.

This scheme of wealthy foreigners to secure control of the principal business enterprises of the United States has progressed steadily since the first movement in that direction.

The great anti-tariff coal fields of Pennsylvania are owned and worked under the direction of the Rothschilds. Nearly all of the principal tanneries of New England, New York and the Middle States are owned by citizens of England. Only

these countries depend largely upon foreign importation for the best steel ores.

The people of Iowa have arrived at

this conclusion. Nine years ago the

Republican party was a trifle over

a few thousand dollars above

the Democratic party.

It is to be hoped that the

Supervisors will



FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1880.

George H. Eggers went to the Fresno yesterday.

S. Birschedel, a prominent merchant of Traver, spent yesterday in this city.

A live stock of fruit and ornamental trees for sale at Long Bros' Bazaar, 1212 S.

The Southern Pacific Company will sell tickets for all points East on the northern route from to day.

J. G. James, who has been spending a few days in the city on a business trip, returned to his home in San Francisco yesterday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet to day at 2 o'clock to make reports and consider important business. A full attendance is desired.

Joseph Sweeney, an old offender of the vagrant class, was sentenced by Recorder Prince yesterday to ninety days imprisonment in the County jail.

Roy Neblett, until recently a wall-paper merchant of Pasadena, is in the city. He comes with a view of looking up a business location and settling here.

Consult the "want" column for a pointer on bargains in a certain section of fine raisin land and 10 acres of sub-irrigated alfalfa land, for sale by S. N. Griffith.

R. P. Wieland, of the John Wieland Brewery of San Francisco, is visiting Fresno in the interest of beer. He proposes to make the rival brews stand from under.

A detective fine set the flooring on the second floor of the County Jail late yesterday morning. The floor was ripped up and the slate extinguished before any material damage was done.

C. L. Hause, a small hotel in the Superior Court building, G. E. and E. T. Nourse, E. B. Johnston and J. A. Ford, assignees, to foreclose \$75,538.82 mortgage on lots 15 to 18, block 5, Woodland's addition. Nourse &amp; Short are plaintiff's attorneys.

The case of Ah Gee Young, charged with the murder of a Chinese woman in Clinton two weeks ago, was called in Judge Harris' Court yesterday. A venire for thirty jurors was then issued, returnable this morning at 9 o'clock.

William Bitzner was arrested yesterday by Constables Johnston and Fraser on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused by J. Craig of having in his possession some horses belonging to R. D. Herry. He gave \$350 bail in Justice Hogue's Court.

George Lee was held to answer before the Superior Court by Justice Hogue yesterday to a charge of grand larceny. He is accused by W. McNaught. McNaught alleges that Lee stole him with a knife because he had resented Lee's slanders on the Catholic clergy.

Frank Weber was arrested yesterday on charges of embezzlement and obtaining money by false pretenses. He worked for John Woodson, the butcher, until recently, and Woodson alleges that Weber collected \$5 and appropriated it after he left Woodson's employment. The plaintiff gave bonds in \$300.

Ollie Thorndike, a former resident of the Phillips building on J street, was plucked under \$300 bonds yesterday by Justice Hogue. She is charged with being the accessory of John Keele, who stole a diamond pin from J. W. Cairns, a barber. Keele gave Ollie the pin.

J. W. Couger received a telegram from Santa Cruz yesterday stating that C. S. Vass was dangerously ill and required him to go on the next train. Mr. Couger left on the noon train. Mr. Vass, whose home is in Des Moines, Iowa, was the guest of Mr. Couger in Fresno for several days two weeks ago, and was visiting Santa Cruz when taken sick.

Alexander Campbell was brought up from Huron by Constable Morgan yesterday, on a charge of having assaulted Jose Gonzalez with a pistol, near that place a few days ago. He was taken before Justice Wolcott, and gave \$600 bonds, with Colby Campbell and Robert Smith as sureties, for his appearance for examination when wanted. The men are engaged in the sheep business.

Henry McNaught and family, formerly of Fresno, have returned to this city after an absence of two years, having come for a new location in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Mr. McNaught says that the northern country is a good place at present for speculators, but that it doesn't begin to compare with Fresno for solid merit or as a place for permanent residence. He will stay in Fresno.

## VERY SORRY GRAVE.

A Former Fresnoite Prefers Over-production of Raisins.

"That's about all the public know or understand of the raisin industry," said Major George E. Colwell the other day, as the agricultural editor of the Argus made a safe statement to the effect that the raisin industry was "bringing Fresno on again." The Major was until recently a resident of Fresno, one of its editors, and therefore one of its leading citizens. "The raisin industry can never be a great one," remarked the Major. "The demand is limited. Take your own family—how many raisins do you consume in a year? Not more than three dollars' worth, I'll be bound. Raisins are a luxury, used only by the rich or well-to-do. The first thing that would be cut off in hard times would be raisins. It wouldn't have to be much of an increase in production to overstock the market and bring down prices to an unprofitable figure. The country that has the world will continue to send their product to market, and the California crop is simply that much more than the demand at the old figures. Raisin consumption cannot be stimulated except by very low prices, and not greatly then, and of course low prices mean little or no profit. It will very soon be demonstrated that the raisin industry can be easily overdone."—Alameda Argus.

## The Party To-Night.

The 99-90 Social Club will give a party at Riggs Theater this evening. If those given by the club in the past may be taken as a criterion for those which are expected to follow, a delightful time is doubtless in store for those who attend. The membership will now contain the names of over seventy persons, all of whom are active to the interests of the club. Invitations will be issued to visiting friends of the members only.

## Peddling Without Licenses.

City Marshal Barker received several complaints recently from wood dealers complaining that their business was seriously hampered by men with wagons who long since used by the car in this city and then make a road and a half of it and peddle it to families about town. They allege that these peddlers should be required to take out a city license. The Marshal will investigate the matter.

## Cheerful Cigars.

The stock and fixtures of Ricketts Bros', insolvent tobacconists, were sold by auction yesterday on the sidewalk in front of the entrance to Justice Hogue's Court. The cigars and ready taken at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per box of fifty.

## News for Fresnoites.

Alexander Goldstein of Fresno, says the San Francisco Chronicle, is in town for a few days, unaccompanied by his wife.

## KAM GOOK'S DEATH.

The Woman Who Received Twenty-Seven Stabs.

## HER MURDERER NOW ON TRIAL.

## A Claim of Self-Defense Interposed by the Attorneys for Ah Gee Yung.

The trial of Ah Gee Yung, a high-binder, was begun yesterday in Judge Harris' Court. The prisoner numbered a Chinaman named Kam took in this city on November 27th last by stabbing her twenty-seven times with a Bowie knife. After his arrest he was found to be wearing a fur coat belonging to the dead woman.

The prosecution was conducted by Deputy District Attorney Welsh.

## IN MURKIN ATTIRE.

A gorgeously attired Chinese woman, known as "Minkin," consisting of a padded blouse, with sleeves lined with rich, long-colored silk, wide trousers and embroidered papered-silk shoes, and a bouquet of cream white and pink artificial flowers in the back of her well-oiled shiny black hair interwoven with gold pins of different kinds, testified that on the morning of the murder she heard Kam Gook screaming, "Murder!" "Murder!" and for somebody to save her. She said she heard a Bell and that all was still.

A Chinaman with a red button on his end said that between 4 and 5 o'clock on the morning of the murder he heard the deceased screaming, "Murder!" "Murder!" "Murder!" "Save my life!" He slept in the second room from the one in which the killing was done and he recognized the voice as that of the deceased.

## ENDED IN DEATH.

He got out of bed and went to the door of Kam Goo's room and called to her, but received no response. He could hear some one moving about in the room. He went after the woman's husband and repented what he had heard, and shortly afterwards Watchman Tex Baker came in the door and arrested Ah Gee Yung.

Yung, the justice, identified an extension suit produced in Court as the one that the prisoner was under his blouse when he was searched in the jail immediately after his arrest. He asked the prisoner last Wednesday what he had done with the coat, and found it concealed in the prisoner's mattress.

## THE CAUSE.

"After he was brought to jail," continued Mr. Moore, "I said to him: 'John, what did you kill that woman for?' and he replied, 'She too much forced me.'"

Deputy Constable Fred F. Bartlett said that while was taking the prisoner from the Morgue to the jail on the day of the murder, he asked the prisoner whether he knew the woman, and Ah Gee Yung said that he had known her.

"Was this your woman?" I asked him," added Mr. Bartlett.

"No," was the reply. "I then said, 'You done a bad job; why did you kill her?' and he answered, 'The—feared me.' He said he gave her \$8 the night before, and that in the morning she wanted more money, but that he didn't give it, and she began quarreling and bit and scratched him, and that he took hold of her and she Hollered, and then he killed her."

## THE DEFENSE.

One of the counsel for the accused proceeded to make the opening statement for the defendant. Among other things he said that he desired to prove that Ah Gee Yung was not guilty of the crime he had worked for several years in San Francisco at slumming, and more recently as a cook for the railroad company. While in San Francisco he met the deceased, and upon her agreeing to marry him he gave her his savings—"according to the custom of the Chinese in such cases."

She, however, broke the engagement and went away with his money, and from that time until the night before the killing he knew nothing of her whereabouts.

## HE FOUND HER.

In the course of his business as cook he wandered from place to place, fitting such situations as he could find, until he arrived in Fresno last November. While walking through the Chinese alley one night he saw the woman, and when she saw him he called out her about 10 o'clock at night, and she denied his money, and she denied ever having known him and ordered him out of the house. He went again to the house about midnight and asked her for the key to his room.

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## JACK SCANLAN.

## A Member of the Samoan Fleet in the Lockup.

John Scanlan, a sailor, who was on board the Trenton at the time of the week of the United States Samoan fleet in the harbor of Apia last year, turned up Fresno a day or two ago, and at 5 o'clock yesterday he astonished the police with yelling "fire!" and cursing "the gory town."

Scanlan had had luck since he exchanged the peace and security of the bring sleep for the tempestuous peril of the earthquake-racked and whisky-spirited land. He went to Los Angeles, mostly by the Shoeleather &amp; Brakeman route to see whether the oranges he wanted to buy were ripe, and when he got there he found the oranges, the account, the pineapple and the banana grew wild. In the course of his wanderings he had to struggle mainly with bad whisky and the pangs of hunger, taking an odd job of laboring work whenever he could find it, and he determined after he had visited Fresno seen a real raid to return to San Francisco and re-enlist.

## THE DEFENSE.

Scanlan is an old sailor, having been fifteen years in the United States navy, and when he told his story yesterday to Recorder Prince, the judicial heart was won, and the Recorder said:

"Jack, you say you want to go to San Francisco, I'll let you go. I don't care to send you to jail."

"Thank you, Captain," responded Jack, carrying his right hand to his breast in military salute, "but the weather's rather doubtful now, and I'll be bound the Sheriff could, and it's really a matter of self-defense for the prisoners. When they get into jail they know that they have got to serve out their terms, and then try and make themselves as comfortable as possible."

## AS EXTRA LUNCH.

"Prisoners in the Fresno jail are allowed only two meals a day—breakfast and supper, but they manage to make three meals out of the two. For breakfast each man gets three biscuits, a tin cup full of coffee, a steak and potato. The grub is first rate, and the men are in good condition. In the evenings they don't eat as heartily, and each man carries a biscuit, a piece of meat and half a potato, and this is wrapped up in a newspaper and stowed with a spoon for the moon lunch.

"The day I was there I was mighty hungry when nighttime came and the stew tasted better than any I had ever eaten in my life before. The Kangaroos cook this meal in a cooking stove that is in the jail.

"I never saw men with more respect for the law than the Kangaroos have, than those of the Chinese, and an inquest was held in the afternoon. The blankets and baggage of the deceased were found along the body. Hayday expected the remains and took them to the coroner's office, and the coroner said in his opinion death had resulted from natural causes, and the jury so decided.

## DEPUTY CORONER WILLIAMS.

"I would say you can blow out my light if I wouldn't. After I've stayed in the county for a while the whole world is a new place to me, and when I get home I'll be bound to have a good time.

## THE VICTIM.

"I'll give you seven days in jail, Jack."

"Thank you, Captain. I'll put an anchor and tack alongside of this 7-foot marine boat also! Mate. So long, Judge."

"Good-bye, Jack."

## ANOTHER INTERESTING MARRIAGE.

A letter was received from Sacramento by a gentleman in this city yesterday announcing the marriage of W. F. Hall to Miss Jessie Prince. Mr. Hall was formerly employed as a salesman by Chisholm &amp; Jones, but they were not aware of the young man's association with Miss Prince. The latter, known to the Police as "Mabel," was formerly an inmate of the Bridgewater in the second story of the Phillips building, on J street. Two weeks ago her father came up from Folsom and got a promise from his daughter that she would go East, but in place of doing so the marriage, as stated was consummated.

## A Baseball Challenge Accepted.

At a meeting of Company F last night, it was decided to accept Company C's challenge to play baseball a week from next Sunday. Messrs. Scrivner, Tarrant and Jules were appointed a committee to make arrangements.

## A Painful Accident.

A. C. Rose, who went to Porterville last week to look after insurance business, met with a mishap last Monday morning that will confine him to his bed for a week or more. He had taken passage on a Porterville stage, a fast-moving spring wagon, on route to White River. On the way the horses became unmanageable and ran away, during

which one of the wheels of the vehicle struck a rat in the road, nearly causing Mr. Rose to the ground and against a barbed wire fence, which caused instant death or being terribly lacerated by the barbed wire was almost a miracle, as he turned a complete somersault while falling. He sustained a very painful strain, both ankles and had to be carried back to Porterville for treatment. His clothing was badly torn.

## BRIGITON.

What F. J. Otis Says of the Proposed District.

The proposition to form a district embracing all the lands susceptible of irrigation from the waters of Kings River is a grand one, and should meet the approval of every intelligent man residing within the proposed district, says F. J. Otis in the *Sacramento Bee*. It would forever put an end to the chance of private ownership and its necessary consequence, speculation, and also end all chance for litigation.

There is water catchment surface enough tributary to Kings River to make a swamp of that portion of the valley that it can be brought upon, if it was used for that purpose.

## A MISTAKE.

State Engineer Hall says that it would irrigate 30,000 acres if properly utilized.

John P. Clark in the *Enterprise* says a good deal for Mr. Otis. He criticizes Tucker's figures, etc. He deems them in negatives throughout. We want something tangible. With one-half thousand acres planted that are promised to be irrigated, we might be compelled to pay a high price for water.

"They have what they call the Kangaroo Court in the jail," said he, and all the prisoners are members of his family, who were also clothed in furs, illustrating the habits of an Indian family housekeeping. While in the house they squatted on the floor, having no chairs or benches whatever, and ate from a box or improvised table a foot and a half high, or just high enough to be convenient.

## INSTRUMENTATION.

"Suppose that a prisoner should refuse to obey the Court's orders," was asked.

"How could the Kangaroo Judge—

"I'll describe the workings of the instrument so that you can see that it is a perfect government in miniature," was the reply.

"A prisoner who has a long term to serve is elected Judge, and he holds office until he gets out of jail, and then he gets up again when he is released."

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